

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations Contract Offer
RIVIP BIDDER CERTIFICATION COVER FORM

SECTION 1 - VENDOR INFORMATION

Bid/RFPNumber: 7548787A1
Bid/RFP Title: FIRE ALARM INSPECTIONS - DOT FACILITIES - ADDENDUM 1 (8 PGS)

Opening Date & Time: 6/19/2014 11:30 AM

RIVIP Vendor ID #: 12529

Vendor Name: Fire Equipment, Inc.
Address: 20 Hall Street
Medford , MA 02115
USA

Telephone: 781-960-7221
Fax: 888-296-1384
E-Mail: emellin@firefire.com
Contact Person: Ernest Mellin
Title: Service Sales Rep
R.I. Foreign Corp #:

NOTICE TO VENDORS

Each bid proposal for a *public works project* must include a "public copy" to be available for public inspection upon the opening of bids. **Bid proposals that do not include a copy for public inspection will be deemed nonresponsive.** For further information on how to comply with this statutory requirement, see R. I. Gen. Laws §§ 37-2-18(b) and (j). Also see Procurement Regulation 5.11, and in addition, for highway and bridge projects, also see Procurement Regulation 5.13, accessible at www.purchasing.ri.gov.

NOTE: AWARD OF CONTRACTS AND PURCHASE ORDERS SHALL BE SUBJECT, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PURCHASING AGENT, TO THE OFFEROR COMPLETING AN ON-LINE RIVIP REGISTRATION at www.purchasing.ri.gov. It is THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE VENDOR to make on-line corrections/updates using the Vendor maintenance program on the RI Division of Purchases Web Site.

SECTION 2 – REQUIREMENTS

ALL OFFERS ARE SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS, PROVISIONS AND PROCEDURES CONTAINED IN THIS CERTIFICATION FORM. Offerors are expected to READ, SIGN and COMPLY WITH all requirements. Failure to do so may be grounds for disqualification of the offer contained herein.

Section 2.1 - RULES FOR SUBMITTING OFFERS

2.1A. This CERTIFICATION FORM MUST BE ATTACHED IN ITS ENTIRETY TO THE FRONT OF THE OFFER and shall be considered an integral part of each offer made by a vendor to enter into a contract with the State of Rhode Island, Division of Purchases. As such, submittal of the entire Bidder Certification Cover Form, signed by a duly authorized representative of the offeror attesting that he/she (1) has read and agrees to comply with the requirements set forth herein and (2) to the accuracy of the information provided and the offer extended, is a mandatory part of any contract award.

To assure that offers are considered on time, each offer must be submitted with the specific Bid/RFP/LOI number (provided above) and the date and time of opening marked in the upper left hand corner of envelope. Each bid/offer must be submitted in separate sealed envelopes.

A complete, signed (in ink) offer package must be delivered to the Division of Purchases (via any mail or messenger service) by the time and date specified for the opening of responses in a sealed envelope.

Bids must be submitted on the RI bid solicitation forms provided, indicating brand and part numbers of items offered, as appropriate. Bidders must submit detailed cuts and specs on items offered as equivalent to brands requested WITH THE OFFER. Bidders must be able to submit samples if requested. Mail To: Division of Purchases, One Capitol Hill, Second Floor, Providence, RI 02908-5855.

Documents misdirected to other State locations or which are not present in the Division of Purchases at the time of opening for whatever cause will be deemed to be late and will not be considered. For the purposes of this requirement, the official time and date shall be that of the time clock in the Division of Purchases. Postmarks shall not be considered proof of timely submission.

2.1B. RIVIP SOLICITATIONS. To assure maximum access opportunities for users, public bid/RFP solicitations shall be posted on the RIVIP for a minimum of seven days and no amendments shall be made within the last five days before the date an offer is due. Except when access to the Web Site has been severely curtailed and it is determined by the State Purchasing Agent that special circumstances preclude extending a solicitation due date, requests to mail or fax hard copies of solicitations will not be honored. When the result of an Internet solicitation is unsuccessful, the State of Rhode Island will cancel the original solicitation and resolicit the original offer directly from vendors.

2.2. PRICING. Offers are irrevocable for sixty (60) days from the opening date (or such other extended period set forth in the solicitation) and may not be withdrawn, except with the express permission of the State Purchasing Agent. All pricing will be considered to be firm and fixed unless otherwise indicated. The State of Rhode Island is exempt from Federal excise taxes and State Sales and Use Taxes. Such taxes shall not be included in the bid price. PRICES QUOTED ARE FOB DESTINATION.

2.3. DELIVERY and PRODUCT QUALITY. All offers must define delivery dates for all items; if no delivery date is specified, it is assumed that immediate delivery from stock will be made. The contractor will be responsible for delivery of materials in first class condition. Rejected materials will be at vendor's expense.

2.4. PREVAILING WAGE, OSHA SAFETY TRAINING, and APPRENTICESHIP REQUIREMENTS.

Bidders must comply with the provisions of the Rhode Island labor laws, including R. I. Gen. Laws §§ 37-13-1 *et seq.* and occupational safety laws, including R. I. Gen. Laws §§ 28-20-1 *et seq.* These laws mandate for public works construction projects the payment of prevailing wage rates, the implementation and maintenance of occupational safety standards, and for projects with a minimum value of \$1 Million, the employment of apprentices. The successful Bidder must submit certifications of compliance with these laws from each of its subcontractors prior to their commencement of any work. Prevailing wage rates, apprenticeship requirements, and other workforce and safety regulations are accessible at www.dlt.ri.gov.

2.5. PUBLIC RECORDS. Offerors are advised that all materials submitted to the State for consideration in response to this solicitation will be considered without exception to be Public Records pursuant to Title 38 Chapter 2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, and will be released for inspection immediately upon request once an award has been made. Offerors are encouraged to attend public bid/RFP openings to obtain information; however, bid/RFP response summaries may be reviewed after award(s) have been made by using the RIVIP at any time or appearing in person at the Division of Purchases Mondays through Fridays between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Telephone requests for results will not be honored. Written requests for results will only be honored if the information is not available on the RIVIP.

SECTION 3 - AWARD DETERMINATION

Award will be made to the responsive and responsible offeror quoting the lowest net price in accordance with specifications, for any individual item(s), for major groupings of items, or for all items listed, at the State's sole option.

3.1. BID SURETY. Where bid surety is required, bidder must furnish a bid bond or certified check for 5% of the bid total with the bid, or for such other amount as may be specified. Bids submitted without a required bid surety will not be considered.

3.2. SPECIFICATIONS. Unless specified "no substitute," product offerings equivalent in quality and performance will be considered (at the sole option of the State) on the condition that the offer is accompanied by detailed product specifications. Offers which fail to include alternate specifications may be deemed nonresponsive.

SECTION 4 – CONTRACT PROVISIONS

4.1. VENDOR AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED.

4.1A. When a purchase order, change order, contract/agreement or contract/agreement amendment is issued by the RI Division of Purchases, no claim for payment for services rendered or goods delivered contrary to or in excess of the contract terms and scope shall be considered valid unless the vendor has obtained a written change order or contract amendment issued by the Division of Purchases PRIOR TO delivery.

4.1B. Any offer, whether in response to a solicitation for proposals or bids, or made without a solicitation, which is accepted in the form of an order OR Pricing Agreement made in writing by the Purchasing Agent, or a state official with purchasing authority delegated by the Purchasing Agent, shall be considered a binding contract.

4.2. REGULATIONS, GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS GOVERNING STATE CONTRACTS. This solicitation and any contract or purchase order arising from it are issued in accordance with the specific requirements described herein, and the State's Purchasing Laws and Regulations and other applicable State Laws. The Regulations, General Terms and Conditions are incorporated into all state contracts. These regulations and basic information on How To Do Business with the State of Rhode Island are posted on the Rhode Island Vendor Information Program Website (www.purchasing.ri.gov).

4.2A. ARRA SUPPLEMENTAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS. Contracts and sub-awards funded in whole or in part by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Pub.L.No. 111-5 and any amendments thereto, such contracts and sub-awards, shall be subject to the Supplemental Terms and Conditions For Contracts and Sub-awards Funded in Whole or in Part by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Pub.L.No. 111-5 and any amendments thereto located on the Division of Purchases website at www.purchasing.ri.gov.

4.3. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY. Compliance certificate and agreement procedures will apply to all awards for supplies or services valued at \$10,000 and more. Minority Business Enterprise policies and procedures, including subcontracting opportunities as described in Title 37 Chapter 14.1, of the Rhode Island General Laws, also apply.

4.4. PERFORMANCE BONDS. Where indicated, successful bidder must furnish a 100% performance bond and labor and payment bond for contracts subject to Title 37 Chapters 12 and 13 of the Rhode Island General Laws. All bonds must be furnished by a surety company authorized to conduct business in the State of Rhode Island. Performance bonds must be submitted within 21 calendar days of the issuance of a tentative notice of award.

4.5. DEFAULT and NON-COMPLIANCE. Default and/or non-compliance with the RIVIP requirements and any other aspects of the award may result in withholding of payment(s), contract termination, debarment, suspension, or any other remedy necessary that is in the best interest of the state.

4.6. COMPLIANCE. Vendor must comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations and ordinances.

4.7. SPRINKLER IMPAIRMENT AND HOT WORK. The Contractor agrees to comply with the practices of the State's insurance carrier for sprinkler impairment and hot work. Prior to performing any work, the Contractor shall obtain the necessary information for compliance from the Risk Management Office at the Department of Administration or the agency for which work will be performed.

SECTION 5 – CERTIFICATIONS AND DISCLOSURES
ALL CONTRACT AWARDS ARE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING DISCLOSURES & CERTIFICATIONS
Offerors must respond to every disclosure statement.

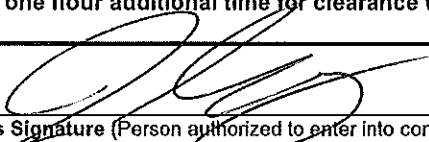
A person authorized to enter into contracts must sign the offer and attest to the accuracy of all statements.

Indicate Yes (Y) or No (N):

- N 1. State whether your company, or any owner, stockholder, officer, director, member, partner, or principal thereof, or any subsidiary or affiliated company, has been subject to suspension or debarment by any federal, state, or municipal government agency, or the subject of criminal prosecution, or convicted of a criminal offense within the previous five (5) years. If so, then provide details below.
- N 2. State whether your company, or any owner, stockholder, officer, director, member, partner, or principal thereof, or any subsidiary or affiliated company, has had any contracts with a federal, state or municipal government agency terminated for any reason within the previous five (5) years. If so, then provide details below.
- N 3. State whether your company or any owner, stockholder, officer, director, member, partner, or principal thereof, or any subsidiary or affiliated company, has been fined more than \$5000 for violation(s) of Rhode Island environmental laws by the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management within the previous five (5) years. If so, then provide details below.
- Y 4. I/we certify that I/we will immediately disclose, in writing, to the Chief Purchasing Officer any potential conflict of interest, which may occur during the course of the engagement authorized pursuant to this contract.
- Y 5. I/we acknowledge that, in accordance with Chapter 37-2-54(c) of the Rhode Island General Laws "no purchase or contract shall be binding on the state or any agency thereof unless approved by the Department [of Administration] or made under general regulations which the Chief Purchasing Officer may prescribe", including change orders and other types of contracts and under State Purchasing Regulation 8.2.1.1.2, "any alleged oral agreement or arrangements made by a bidder or contractor with any agency or an employee of the Office of Purchases may be disregarded and shall not be binding on the state".
- Y 6. I/we certify that I/we or my/our firm possesses all licenses required by Federal and State laws and regulations as they pertain to the requirements of the solicitation and offer made herein and shall maintain such required license(s) during the entire course of the contract resulting from the offer contained herein and should my/our license lapse or be suspended, I/we shall immediately inform the Rhode Island State Purchasing Agent in writing of such circumstance.
- Y 7. I/we certify that I/we will maintain required insurance during the entire course of the contract resulting from the offer contained herein and should my/our insurance lapse or be suspended, I/we shall immediately inform the Rhode Island State Purchasing Agent in writing of such circumstance.
- Y 8. I/we certify that I/we understand that falsification of any information herein or failure to notify the Rhode Island State Purchasing Agent as certified herein may be grounds for suspension, debarment and/or prosecution for fraud.
- Y 9. I/we acknowledge that the provisions and procedures set forth in this form apply to any contract arising from this offer.
- Y 10. I/we acknowledge that I/we understand the State's Purchasing Laws (37-2 of the General Laws of Rhode Island) and Purchasing Regulations and General Terms and Conditions available at the Rhode Island Division of Purchases Website (www.purchasing.ri.gov) apply as the governing conditions for any contract or purchase order I/we may receive from the State of Rhode Island, including the offer contained herein.
- Y 11. I/we certify that the bidder: (i) is not identified on the General Treasurer's list, created pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 37-2.5-3, as a person or entity engaging in investment activities in Iran described in § 37-2.5-2(b); and (ii) is not engaging in any such investment activities in Iran.
- Y 12. I/we certify that the above vendor information is correct and complete.

IF YOU HAVE ANSWERED "YES" TO QUESTIONS #1-3 OR IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO CERTIFY YES TO ITEMS #4-12 OF THE FOREGOING, PROVIDE DETAILS/EXPLANATION BELOW AND/OR IN AN ATTACHED STATEMENT. INCOMPLETE CERTIFICATION FORMS SHALL BE GROUNDS FOR DISQUALIFICATION OF OFFER.

Signature below commits vendor to the attached offer and certifies (1) that the offer has taken into account all solicitation amendments, (2) that the above statements and information are accurate and that vendor understands and has complied with the requirements set forth herein. When delivering offers in person to One Capitol Hill, vendors are advised to allow at least one hour additional time for clearance through security checkpoints.


Vendor's Signature (Person authorized to enter into contracts; signature must be in ink.)

Date 6/18/14

Brian R Murphy VP Print
Name and Title of company official signing offer



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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
ONE CAPITOL HILL
PROVIDENCE RI 02908

CREATION DATE : 06-JUN-14
BID NUMBER: 7548787,1
TITLE: FIRE ALARM INSPECTIONS - DOT FACILITIES

BUYER: Hill, Lisa
PHONE #: 401-574-8118

BLANKET START : 01-JUL-14
BLANKET END : 30-JUL-15
BID CLOSING DATE AND TIME: 19-JUN-2014 11:30:00

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TWO CAPITOL HILL, RM 230
SMITH ST
PROVIDENCE, RI 02903
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DOT MAINTENANCE BUSINESS OFFICE
360 LINCOLN AVE
WARWICK, RI 02888
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Requisition Number: 1389188
Amendment Description: ADDED LINE 17

ATTACHED SPECIFICATIONS

Line	Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Total
	THERE WILL BE A MANDATORY PRE-BID JUNE 10, 2014 - 9:00 AM DOT-MAINTENANCE HEADQUARTERS 360 LINCOLN AVENUE WARWICK, RI				
1	DOT: 7/1/14 - 6/30/15 SERVICES TO PERFORM FIRE ALARM INSPECTION & TESTING @ DOT BELLEVILLE FACILITY: QUARTERLY INSPECTIONS	4.00	Quarter	105	\$ 420.00
2	DOT: 7/1/14 - 6/30/15 SERVICES TO PERFORM FIRE ALARM INSPECTION & TESTING @ DOT CHERRY HILL FACILITY: QUARTERLY INSPECTIONS	4.00	Quarter	105	\$ 420.00
3	DOT: 7/1/14 - 6/30/15 SERVICES TO PERFORM FIRE ALARM INSPECTION & TESTING @ DOT HOPE VALLEY FACILITY: QUARTERLY INSPECTIONS	4.00	Quarter	105	\$ 420.00
4	DOT: 7/1/14 - 6/30/15 SERVICES TO PERFORM FIRE ALARM INSPECTION & TESTING @ DOT SCITUATE FACILITY: QUARTERLY INSPECTIONS	4.00	Quarter	105	\$ 420.00
5	DOT: 7/1/14 - 6/30/15 SERVICES TO PERFORM FIRE ALARM INSPECTION & TESTING @ DOT SMITHFIELD FACILITY: QUARTERLY INSPECTIONS	4.00	Quarter	105	\$ 420.00
6	DOT: 7/1/14 - 6/30/15 SERVICES TO PERFORM FIRE ALARM INSPECTION & TESTING @ DOT CHARLESTOWN FACILITY: BI-ANNUAL INSPECTIONS	2.00	Each	105	\$ 210.00
7	DOT: 7/1/14 - 6/30/15 SERVICES TO PERFORM FIRE ALARM INSPECTION & TESTING @ DOT GLOCESTER FACILITY: BI-ANNUAL INSPECTIONS	2.00	Each	105	\$ 210.00
8	DOT: 7/1/14 - 6/30/15 SERVICES TO PERFORM FIRE ALARM INSPECTION & TESTING @ DOT MIDDLETOWN FACILITY: BI-ANNUAL INSPECTIONS	2.00	Each	105	\$ 210.00
9	DOT: 7/1/14 - 6/30/15 SERVICES TO PERFORM FIRE ALARM INSPECTION & TESTING @ DOT MIDSTATE STORAGE BLDG: BI-ANNUAL INSPECTIONS	2.00	Each	75	\$ 150.00
10	DOT: 7/1/14 - 6/30/15 SERVICES TO PERFORM SPRINKLER/FIRE ALARM INSPECTION & TESTING @ DOT EAST PROVIDENCE FACILITY: QUARTERLY INSPECTIONS	4.00	Quarter	315	1260
11	DOT: 7/1/14 - 6/30/15 SERVICES TO PERFORM SPRINKLER/FIRE ALARM INSPECTION & TESTING @	4.00	Quarter	420	1820

It is the Vendor's responsibility to check and download any and all addenda from the RIVIP. This offer may not be considered unless a signed RIVIP generated Bidder Certification Cover Form is attached and the Unit Price column is completed. The signed Certification Cover Form must be attached to the front of the offer



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TWO CAPITOL HILL, RM 230
SMITH ST
PROVIDENCE, RI 02903
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360 LINCOLN AVE
WARWICK, RI 02888
US

Requisition Number: 1369188
Amendment Description: ADDED LINE 17

ATTACHED SPECIFICATIONS

Line	Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Total
	DOT HEADQUARTERS BLDG: QUARTERLY INSPECTIONS				
12	DOT: 7/1/14 - 6/30/15 SERVICES TO PERFORM SPRINKLER/FIRE ALARM INSPECTION & TESTING @ DOT MIDSTATE FACILITY: QUARTERLY INSPECTIONS	4.00	Quarter	315	\$1260.00
13	DOT: 7/1/14 - 6/30/15 HOURLY LABOR RATE FOR FIRE ALARM TECHNICIAN	1.00	Hour	105	\$105.00
14	DOT: 7/1/14 - 6/30/15 HOURLY LABOR RATE FOR SPRINKLER TECHNICIAN	1.00	Hour	105	\$105.00
15	DOT: 7/1/14 - 6/30/15 OVERTIME HOURLY LABOR RATE FOR FIRE ALARM TECHNICIAN	1.00	Hour	150	\$150.00
16	DOT: 7/1/14 - 6/30/15 OVERTIME HOURLY LABOR RATE FOR SPRINKLER TECHNICIAN	1.00	Hour	150	\$150.00
17	DOT: 7/1/14 - 6/30/15 - SERVICES TO PERFORM FIRE ALARM INSPECTION AND TESTING AT DOT HOPE VALLEY FACILITY (COLD STORAGE BUILDING: BIENNIAL INSPECTION Line Note to Bidders: 1 - OUTSIDE STROBE LIGHT AND HORN 2 - INSIDE STROBES & HORNS 2 - PULL STATIONS 1 - FIRE - LIGHT MS-4 PANEL 6 - HEAT TO RISE DETECTORS LOCAL SYSTEM ONLY ***** ***** ***** % DISCOUNT ON PARTS AS MAY BE REQUIRED: 18%	2.00	Each	105	\$210.00

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Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Give Form to the
requester. Do not
send to the IRS.

Print or type
See Specific Instructions on page 2.

Name (as shown on your income tax return) FIRE EQUIPMENT INC	
Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above	
Check appropriate box for federal tax classification: <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor <input type="checkbox"/> C Corporation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate <input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=partnership) ▶ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶ _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Exempt payee	
Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) 20 HALL STREET	Requester's name and address (optional)
City, state, and ZIP code MEDFORD, MA 02155	
List account number(s) here (optional)	

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on the "Name" line to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I Instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN* on page 3.

Note. If the account is in more than one name, see the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number								
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Employer identification number									
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Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
- I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
- I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below).

Certification Instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 4.

Sign Here Signature of U.S. person *Katherine M Dunn* Date *January 7, 2014*

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Purpose of Form

A person who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) to report, for example, income paid to you, real estate transactions, mortgage interest you paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA.

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN to the person requesting it (the requester) and, when applicable, to:

- Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
- Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
- Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income.

Note. If a requester gives you a form other than form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

Definition of a U.S. person. For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien,
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States,
- An estate (other than a foreign estate), or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

Special rules for partnerships. Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax on any foreign partners' share of income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, a partnership is required to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid withholding on your share of partnership income.